



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

Montachusett Regional Planning Commission, North Central Massachusetts

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Montachusett Regional Planning Commission was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Located about 45 miles west of Boston in north-central Massachusetts, the Montachusett region (population 228,005) consists of 22 municipalities. There are 424 known brownfield sites in the region. Since the 19th



Assessment Grant

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct 14 Phase I and two Phase II environmental site assessments throughout the Montachusett region's 22 municipalities. Grant funds also will be used to support community outreach activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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Century, the region's economy has been based on industry. Today, the region has the largest concentration of manufacturing facilities in Massachusetts. However, from 1990 to 2000, the Montachusett region lost 11,969 manufacturing jobs. The areas that contain all of the region's known brownfields also contain the region's highest percentages of minorities and persons living in poverty, and the lowest per capita and household incomes. The manufacturing decline also has resulted in an increase in the number of industrial brownfields, all of which are located within five miles

of the Millers and Nashua Rivers. Brownfields assessment will encourage cleanup and redevelopment needed to provide space for affordable housing, new businesses and jobs, and open and recreational spaces.